

No. 9767 號七十六百七千九第 日五初月四年五十緒光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 4th, 1899. 六拜禮 號四月五英港香 [PRICE \$24 PER MONTH]

NEW ADVERTISE

THE HONGKONG, CANTON, AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the Company will be held at the Company's
Registered Office, No. 18, Bank Buildings,
Canton Road, Hong Kong, on
SATURDAY, the 18th day of May instant, at
O'CLOCK P.M., when the following Special
Resolutions will be proposed, viz:—
That the Capital of the Company be in-
creased to the sum of £1,000,000 by the issue
of 40,000 NEW SHARES of £20 each,
which shall be fully paid up as hereinafter pro-
vided, and that the Board be authorised to
issue such New Shares in the sum of £16 per
Share, such premium to be paid as
hereinafter provided.

That the said New Shares be offered to the
Persons who, on the 31st day of June 1898,
shall be the registered Shareholders of the
existing Shares, in the proportion of one
New Share for every existing Share, and
that such offer shall be made by adding
the number of New Shares which each
such registered Shareholder shall be en-
titled to receive to the list of the names of

tuted to take up, and limiting a time within which the offer, if not accepted in writing and accompanied by the full amount of \$20 per Share, will be deemed to be not accepted, and all non-accepted Shares shall be disposed of in such a manner, at such times and on such conditions as the Board may determine. A premium of \$15 for every such accepted Share shall be paid on the 1st July, 1889, and if not then so paid, shall accrue interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

That all premium on the said Shares be carried to the Depreciation and Insurance Fund mentioned in Article No. 122 of the Company's Articles of Association.

That Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association be altered by inserting therein in lieu of the words "Fifty Thousand Shares" the words "Fifty Thousand Shares."

That Article No. 124 of the Company's Articles of Association be altered by inserting therein in lieu of the words "Four Hundred Thousand D lirs" the words "One Hundred Thousand D lirs."

million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars,
and in lieu of the words "Three Hundred
Thousand Dollars" the words "Five Hun-
dred Thousand Dollars."
By Order of the Board,
THOS. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [921
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY

LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	\$5,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL	2,500,000
RESERVE FUND	1,250,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mr. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman }	Managing
C. P. CHATER, Vice-Chairman }	Directors.

A. SOLOMONSON Esq.

S. MOSES, Esq.
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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

Money advanced on Mortgage on Land or Buildings.
Properties purchased and sold.
Estates managed and all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to Land, &c., conducted.
Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Offices, No. 7, Queen's Road Central.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. [609]

KEATING'S INSECT POWDER.

BUGS, FLEAS, MOTHS, BEETLES, and all other Insects, are destroyed by KEATING'S INSECT POWDER, which is quite harmless to Domestic Animals. In exterminating Beetles the success of this Powder is extraordinary, and

one need be troubled by those pests. It is perfectly clean in application. Ask for, and take no other than "KEATING'S POWDER," as imitations are noxious, and fail in giving satisfaction. Sold by all Chemists, in Tins and bottles. 918

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature, and for immediate delivery. This Cargo has been loaded and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 Ex "GUADALQUIVEX" and "ANADYR."
 1/2 (in diamond) No. 1— Case Hooks

do. No. 153—1 Case Drapery.
do. No. 1048—1 Case Tapestry.
from London consigned to Order—
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1899. 12
INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI AND SWATOW

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
 CHERBOO, TIENTSIN, NEWCHWANG, HAN-
 KOW, and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)
 THE Company's Steamship
 "CANTON."
 Captain Bremner, will be despatched as above
 5-DAY (SATURDAY), the 4th inst., at
 11 P.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. 1917

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
DE SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCOW.
THE Company's Steamship

Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the
 Love Ports TO-MORROW, the 5th inst. at
 11 A.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 DOUGLAS LIPPAIK & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. (930)

FOR HOIHOW, SINGAPORE, AND
 PENANG.

BANGKOK.
THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
[The Company's Steamer
"OROW FA."
Captain F. W. Phillips, will be despatched for
the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 7th inst.,
EIGHT A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAI HONG.
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. [910

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
THE 3/3 L. I. German Ship

"GUSTAV & OSCAR."
shortly expected here, will load for the above
ports, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to

For freight apply to
H. CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [918]

made themselves remarkable by the alacrity and activity with which they have always obeyed.

the call of duty, by the courage and skill they have shown in action, and by the exceedingly good results which have been obtained by their work, not only directly, but indirectly by the example they have caused in the Government. Erigide. When it is remembered that their duty involved every serious risk of life and limb, as exemplified in the recent accidents to Mr. Ross and Mr. Dipple, and when we know their services were not only voluntary but entirely gratuitous I need say no more in support of the opinion I have formed, and in which I am sure hon. Members of Council and members of the community generally

ally will agree with me, that they deserve the sincere and hearty thanks of the community. Fortunately this disbandment has taken place at a time when the number of fires has become less. What the cause of that may be it is unnecessary now to inquire; it may be in some measure due to the Ordinance recently passed; it may on the other hand be accidental. We hope, however, that this improved state of things may con-

inure, but while we hope this, we cannot by any means depend upon it. We must be prepared for all emergencies, and for that reason the loss we sustain by the disbandment of this Fire Brigade must be made up as far as we are able by increased provision for the Government Fire Brigade. Now, as to the Government Brigade, though I have heard it criticised severely at times, I confess the feeling I have had about it is not a very different one. Officially, every

has been entirely contrary. After all, a very large amount of the work of fire extinction must have fallen on the members of the Government Fire Brigade, and 'it is obvious they must have been efficient inasmuch as they have been able generally to put an end to fires so speedily in streets so narrow and crowded as those of Hongkong. I cannot help thinking that though like other institutions the Brigade has its depot it has in the whole done well. Only

hope the absence of the emulation with the Brigade that has just been disbanded will not tend to lessen its efficiency. I hope the officers—some of whom, the chief officer, is now at this Council—who have already shown such efficiency, will bear this in mind and remember that even more faithful on them now by the absence of the emulation to which I have drawn attention. I have no doubt they will do their best, and I trust that much

As we regret and must regret, the loss of the services of the Volunteer Brigade, additional emergency on the part of the Government Brigade will cause that loss not to be severely felt. I shall be obliged to ask you for a vote shortly for the increased force that is found necessary and I have further in contemplation a measure by which that cost may be repaid.

THE FOREIGN MAIL STEAMERS ORDINANCES.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—With reference to another subject, I have to mention that the various despatches I have addressed to the Secretary of State with reference to the, as I think, undue preference which is given to foreign mail packets in this harbour have been referred to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Her Majesty's Government has the subject under consideration, and a further communication on the subject, I trust, will be sent to me.

on the subject, I must sincerely trust, of a
favourable nature, may shortly be expected.
THE VOTE TO THE CHINA FAMINE RELIEF FUND.
HIS EXCELLENCY—I have also to mention
that the Secretary of State has fully approved
of the action of the Council with reference to the
vote in relief of the famine in North-China.
THE PASSENGERS RELIEF BILL.
THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I beg to

move the first reading of a Bill entitled the **Passenger Relief Ordinance**.—The object of the Bill is to extend the provisions made in the **Passenger Act of 1855** and in the **Passenger Act of 1863** for forwarding to their destination passengers brought to this Colony not through their own neglect or fault, and for defraying the cost thereof for voyages to shorter distances than those provided for in those Acts.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY RECORDED.
Bill read a first time.
BILL TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 6 OF 1889 AND
TO AMEND THE STATUTE LAW PRESER-
TION ORDINANCE 1880.
The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have
to move, sir, the second reading of this Bill, the
object of which may be stated very shortly. In
1884 an Ordinance was passed empowering the Go-

verment to appoint Commissioners to revise and re-edit the Ordinances, and under that Volume 1 of the Ordinances has special authority. In 1896 an Ordinance was passed giving authority for the publication of the Ordinances made by the Law Revision Commission and that Ordinance repealed Ordinance 7 of 1894 and therefore did away with the special authority of the first volume of the Ordinances. The Ordinances of 1886 went back to the original source and the Statute book.

State and was confirmed, but the Secretary of State in conveying Her Majesty's gracious confirmation of the Ordinance called attention to the fact that the special authority given to the first volume of the Ordinances had been done away with by the repeal of Ordinance 7 of 1864. Early in this year a short Ordinance was passed to practically revive Ordinance 7 of 1864, but unfortunately that Ordinance did not have the desired effect. It is therefore necessary

now to revive Ordinance 7 of 1884, giving special authority to the first volume of the Ordinances until the new edition of Ordinances can be completed. This is the object of this Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Bill read a second time.

The Bill was then committed, read a third time, and passed.

BILL FOR THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN

AND GIRLS.

The Council resumed Committee on this Bill, THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—On the last occasion Section 4 stood over for further consideration and I now move that instead of subsection 1 the following sub-section be inserted: "Any person who takes any part in bringing into or taking away from the Colony any woman or girl for the purpose of prostitution, by force

intimidation, or fraud, with intent to sell, pledge or let for hire such woman or girl shall be guilty of a misdemeanor" &c.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Carried.

Section 2, which states that the sale or purchase of a woman or girl is a misdemeanor, was amended by the insertion of the words "pledged or let out for hire" after the words "sells or lets out for hire."

His EXCELLENCY said the ways of these offenders were infinite and they were obliged to be continually getting some means to prevent the provisions of the Ordinance being evaded.

On Section 5, which provides that any person who procures or attempts to procure any girl under 12 years of age, to have, either within or without the colony, carnal connection with any

THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved to substitute "15 years" for "12 years" and to insert the word "illicit" before the word "casual connection."

HIS EXCELLENCY said that hon. members would remember why 12 years was inserted, but on further consideration he thought the reasons against the somewhat higher age were met by

Section 17, which deals with the investigation of cases by the Registrar-General and requires that the Registrar-General shall associate himself with two justices of the peace for the purposes of the enquiry.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved to amend as follows: "If the custodian obey the Registrar-General shall appear

summons, the legislator shall proceed to enquire into the circumstances of the case and hear and examine on oath any person capable of giving evidence in respect thereof, provided that he shall associate himself with two or more justices of the peace or such other persons as may from time to time be designated by the Governor if requested to do so by the custodian, who shall be informed of his right thereof. Provided always that if the immediate presence

of the case so require the Registrar-General may himself proceed with such enquiry alone. He said it had been represented to him by the Acting Registrar-General that in many cases it would be extremely difficult to get the attendance of two justices of the peace and therefore the Registrar-General might be allowed to make the enquiry alone in the first instance, and associate himself with

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the clause as amended was carried.

In Section 21, which permits the Registrar General, after making the enquiry, should he be satisfied that any woman or girl has been brought into the colony for the purpose of prostitution or that the custodian of any girl between the

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved to eliminate the proviso at the end of the clause, permitting the Swedish to decline the equal

